

JACK LONDON'S WIDOW, 84, DIES AT RANCH HOME THEY BOTH LOVED

The widow and biographer of Jack London, and the "Charmian" of his stories, was dead yesterday at the Valley of the Moon ranch at Glen Ellen that they both loved.

Death came to Mrs. Charmian London Thursday night at the age of 84, thirty-eight years after the great story teller and adventurer for whom she was an inspiration died in the same home,

Since then she had devoted much of her life to perpetuating his memory through her own writings and lectures.

IN GOOD HEALTH

Unlike her husband, whose health was wrecked in tropical adventures, Mrs. London was in good health until the end. She suffered a broken hip in a fall at Glen Ellen two and a half years ago but there was no lasting effect.

Her death was due to the infirmities of old age.

Among the thousands of admirers of London and his works, she probably was the most vocal. She never tired of telling of his attributes as a man and a writer or of re-reading his books.

SHARED TRAVELS

It was a familiar sight in Glen Ellen to see her sitting on the porch of her home absorbed in a copy of the "Sea Wolf" or some other London classic.

While London was alive his wife shared his adventures and the joys and sorrows of his writing career.

She estimated that she had traveled 150,000 miles by sea with him.

Mrs. London told in the biography of her husband how he would turn to her for consolation in times of stress and say: "What really counts is you and me."

A motion picture was based on the biography.

London and the former Charmian Kittredge were married in 1904 in Chicago. She was his second wife.

They had first met at the Wake Robin Lodge in Glen Ellen when her uncle and aunt, literary figures, invited the young author to their resort for a lecture.